Grants to Rajasthan for development of SSI

†3006. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by the Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries to the Rajasthan Government in the form of grants during the financial year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and the details of the items, programmes or projects and specific subjects for which the grant was provided; and

(b) whether the State Government has timely submitted to the Central Government the account of the amount so spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) A sum of Rs. 94.14 lakhs and Rs. 110.38 lakhs were released to the Government of Rajasthan for the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 for training and contingency etc. under the Prime Minister Rojgar Yojana (PMRY).

(b) The utilisation of funds released for the year 1999-2000 have been received, however the implementation of the PMRY for the year 2000-2001 is still in progress.

Employment opportunities in Small Scale Sector

†3007. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the employment opportunities have been generated in the Small Scale Sector after the formation of his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the desired success has not been achieved in this sector

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and whether it has been possible to save the small entrepreneurs from the clutches of bureaucracy; and

(d) if so, whether Government have any proposal to develop infrastructure based Small Scale Industries sector by means of a simple process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The total employment generated in the Small Scale Sector after the formation of this Ministry till March, 2001 is estimated to be 10.31 lakhs.

(c) The estimated employment in the Small Scale Sector for the year 1999-2000 was 178.50 lakh persons against the Ninth Plan target of 175 lakh persons and thus the desired success has been achieved and exceeded. The Government have taken several steps to simplify the laws and procedures to save the small entrepreneurs from the clutches of bureaucracy. These include, introduction of single window registration procedure, simplification of excise procedures, timely disposal of loan application etc.

(d) The Government have taken steps for the development of infrastructure based Small Scale Industries Sector. These include Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID) Scheme, which now covers all areas in the country with 50 percent reservation for rural areas.

Promotion of Satellite based communications

3008. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central Government to consider the measures for promoting satellite based communications in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the measures proposed by the State Government;

(c) the extent to which these measures would be more helpful; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?